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hundred years old and as alert as anyone in the family. The description is beautiful (if you've seen Ontario, you'll be able to picture it all) but doesn't get in the way of the plot. With marriages, affairs, divorces and birthdays from the oldest to the youngest, there is never a dull moment. Many of these books are out of print in the U.S. You may need to get a used copy or buy one from Canada, which I've just done with the second book. I can't get enough of the Whiteoaks.